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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES SALARIES

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1. LETTERS FROM SECRETARY SIMON WERE DELIVERED ON JULY 3
TO CENTRAL BANK OF IRAN GOVERNOR MOHAMMED YEGANEH, IRANIAN
IMF GOVERNOR, AND MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE
HASHANG ANSARY, GOI GOVERNOR FOR IBRD.

2. CENTRAL BANK DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
SHAHPUR M. SHIRAZI TOLD EMBOFF HE HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH
GOVERNOR YEGANEH AND THAT IRAN WOULD NOT OPPOSE SALARY IN-
CREASE FOR IMF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES. HE EX-
PRESSED VIEW THAT SALARY HIKE IS BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS
TO COMPENSATE FOR INCREASES IN COST OF LIVING. PREMISE
THAT IMF/IBRD SALARIES ALL ALONG HAVE BEEN TOO HIGH IS
ARGUABLE, BUT THEY SHOULD NOT BE DENIED INCREASES TO MAKE
UP FOR INFLATION.

3. DR. AHMAD KOOROS, UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
IN MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE, EXPRESSED HIS
PERSONAL SYMPATHY WITH THE U.S. POINT OF VIEW THAT SALARY
INCREASES ARE UNWARRANTED, BUT HE DID NOT INDICATE GOI
WOULD BE LIKELY TO VOTE AGAINST RECOMMENDATIONS.

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